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OUR OMNIUM GATHERUM.

With a silence that is eloquent of things that they do not want the public to know, the participants in the Nova Scotia Remainders Gamble emulate the Sphynx in their utter dumbness. The deal is regarded as a failure, and it is rumoured that certain speculators have a barn full of Nova Scotia Remainders unused and in mint condition to be disposed of. No reasonable offer refused.

THE question of amalgamating the S. of P., P. S. of A., L. of A. P. and C. P. S., is now attracting some attention. Conservative opinion regards it as impossible while the present rivalry exists. Among the societies enumerated, the S. of P. is far the best, having less political tendencies and less jingoism than the others with the possible exception of the Columbian, which is a small society in the incipient stage. It appears to us as if the S. of P. has everything to loose and nothing to gain by amalgamating. We doubt if the scheme will go beyond the controversial phase.

THE daily papers are talking of a set of stamps or a single stamp to show Canada's intense, red-hot loyalty and all that sort of thing, on the occasion of the Queen of England's Diamond Jubilee. We are not very enthusiastic ourselves, from which may be deducted that our loyalty is a doubtful or minus quality. If we are to have a new series of stamps, let us have something Canadian on them, and no cheap chromos of English monarchy. And advoid by all means the limited issue, and the slimy taint of Seebeckism.

A LARGE number of American dealers are going in for Canadian Revenues, which is well. No prettier stamps were ever issued, and they form a most desirable class of stamps. The boom appears to have arrived, we believe, to stay. Those who have watched the recent appreciation in the price of U. S. Revenues, will know when to get in on the ground floor in the Canadian article. That time is now.

A STAMP paper to be called the *Little Elephant*, we hear, will issue from London, Ont., shortly.

We sincerely hope it will not turn out of the white variety. What an atmosphere of philatelic journalism London is acquiring For its population (34,000) it licks every Canadian city.

FURTHER to our remarks of last month, we present herewith, a statement showing the number of columns of reading matter contained in the various Canadian stamp papers up to the time of going to press.

Philatelic Advocate.....	44 columns.
Halifax Philatelic Magazine...	42 "
Philatelic Canadian.....	23 "
Ontario Philatelist.....	14 "
Canadian Philatelic Magazine.	10 "

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(*Editor's Note.*— No name was signed to above communication, but our readers will have little difficulty in guessing who the party is.)

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THE CURRENT CANADIAN 3c STAMP.

A work of art—I don't think.

BY A. M. MUIRHEAD.

I will now introduce to the the readers of this essay,the current 3 cent stamp of the Dominion of Canada. All who have seen this stamp will, I am sure, join with the writer in acknowledging that it is a work of art, of a certain kind. It is printed in red and if examined carefully show that there is a queen's head in the centre. Care should be taken, however, in examining the stamp not to mistake the printed from the obverse or gummed side. Above the queen's head, is a curved label on which is inscribed in very small letters "Canada Postage." At the bottom, appears the legend "3 cents 3" in imitation of the circus announcement "2 bands 2." We really owe the designer a great debt, as, were this legend not appended to the stamp, we might think the denomination was "3 cents 4." We should not overlook this piece of thoughtfulness on the part of the designer, but should accord to his memory the heartfelt thanks that he well deserves.

The color, the palest of light red, is so ethereal and illusive that it cannot be seen in a strong light, but should be examined it in the gloaming when the light are dim and low, so to speak. I would respectfully suggest to the government of this Dominion the advisability of printing the stamps on black paper so that its lineaments may be visable to ordinary people before the sun sets. When I buy a sheet of three cents stamps, I always use them as quickly as possible, fearing that I will awake some fine morning and find the pale light red has proved too *spirituelle* for our vigorous climate and that it has failed from view, leaving only a sheet of perforated stamp hinges. Thus it is, we put in successive governments to monkey with the tariff and help roll up a public debt that shall challenge the admiration of the outside world, but none are brave enough to change the design of our postage stamps—this would be too revolutionary, too radical by far.

BERLIN, ONTARIO, GETS THE CONVENTION.

The trustees of the Dominion Philatelic Association, have decided that the second convention of that society, will be held at Berlin, Ontario, at a date to be fixed later. Berlin is a town of about 8,000 population, including a large philatelic contingent. In this town is published the *Philatelic Advocate*, of which Messrs. Starnaman Brothers are publishers, and Mr. Finlay I. Weaver, editor. A large attendance is looked for as the town is but sixty miles from Toronto, and conveniently near the other centres of philately in Ontario.

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EDITORIAL

WE beg to inform our readers of a change in our publishing staff, Mr. Van Malder retiring. Hereafter the HALIFAX PHILATELIC MAGAZINE will be owned and published by myself and Mr. J. R. Findlay, a collector of great experience in things philatelic, and well known, no doubt, to a large number of our readers. This, we think, is a change for the better, and we look forward to a bright future for our MAGZAINE with Mr. Findlay's collaboration. The firm name will hereafter be "The Halifax Philatelic Publishing Co.," and the paper will appear regularly on the fifteenth of each month.

IT is the intention of the Halifax Philatelic Publishing Co. to issue, at intervals of about three months, a series of Handbooks, the first of which, the "D. P. A. Handbook," is announced in our advertising columns. No pains will be spared to make these books a credit to our pursuit, and we hope to receive the support of the philatelic public.

WE saw in the *Philatelic Era* the other day that the Editor, in conjunction with Messrs. A. H. Adams and I. E. Weldon, had been appointed one of a committee to insitute some changes in the Constitution of the D. P. A. This is the first intimation we had of this, and we are doubtful, because, you know, the D. P. A. has as yet no Constitution. However, if the report is true, we will accept the job, for what easier work could one want than revising a thing that never had an existence?

OUR congratulations to our friend Morris of the *Free Lance*, for being the first to make himself heard in the politico-philatelic field. He has an ad. in the *Evergreen Philatelist* soliciting votes for Mr. S. M. Hamilton for President of the P. S. of A. Good!

THD *Lone Star State Philatelist* seems to entertain a rather poor opinion of the late *Washington Philatelist*, and we take this opportunity to file a counter declaration, as follows:— During the five years of its existence, the

Washington Philatelist was recognized throughout the length and breadth of the land as one of the most ably edited papers devoted to stamps on the continent. None could read the *W. P.* and not feel that its editor, Major Egan, was an artist in words, and a fearless and conscientious critic. And this deponent would say more, did space permit.

AND here is that fearless and independant *Columbian Philatelist* gallantly attacking the S. S. S. S. Don't you think this rather long distance warfare, Mr. Dodge? Why not attack something nearer home, say the Seebeck machinations, and other devices of his satanic majesty which have their head office in the land of the star-spangled?

THE failure of the Mekeel Company shows how a man may so overreach himself that the result is a big smash up. The Mekeels never had a kindly thought for any other concern, especially small ones. Its influence was always put up against the press,—if it could not buy a paper with its advertising, it would try to intimidate it with threatened libel suits, and that sort of thing. It stood among its compeers, a big, blustering, unwieldy concern, not overscrupulous in its actions, not always honest in its dealings. Now that it has gone, we shall have less law suits, and less "startling disclosures, in which a prominent western company is said to be implicated." Ta, ta, Mekeel!

Once More!

As you will no doubt learn from the Editorial Department of this issue, I have entered into a business arrangement with my young friend Mr. A. M. Muirhead, for the purpose of publishing the HALIFAX PHILATELIC MAGAZINE and other stampic literature. In all other business matters we stand apart, but in the issuing of stamp literature we are in the swim together; whether we shall sink or not depends on the amount of support we receive from the philatelic public.

I have been connected with the hobby now for some twenty years, and to-day I feel just as fondly towards it as ever in the past, although I have recently taken no active part in the doings of the stamp world. But my friend Alex. has applied the torch, and the fire is burning as briskly as ever, and once more my voice will be heard in the land of Philatelia!

To my old friends, greeting! Let me hear from you. Your correspondence will be as welcome as the flowers of May, and your old-time friend will show you that he has not forgotten you.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am as interested as ever in the collection of philatelic literature, and will have something to say on that subject in our next issue. Fraternally yours,

J. R. FINDLAY.

Ontario Happenings.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

BERLIN has been decided upon as the Convention Seat of the D. P. A. for 1897. At the convention held in Toronto last fall, this was left to the trustees to decide, and although there has been some delay, we hope that all will be satisfied with the choice. The date will be announced later.

No. 3 of the *Philatelic Canadian* has reached me. This paper is now Official Organ of the D. P A., and the first report appears in this number. There is practically nothing readable in it excepting the D. P. A. reports and the ads.

A NEW society has lately been started in Canada in the interests of the young collectors. Its name is "The Boys' Own Philatelic Association," and W. A. Lydiatt, London, Ont., is Secretary *pro tem.*

THE *Young Elephant* is the name of a new paper which is announced to appear from London, Ont., shortly.

THE March number of the *American Collector* contains a picture of John R. Hooper, the once famous Canadian collector.

Two questions I would like to have answered are— (1) Who is "Rea," the Canadian correspondent for *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News?* (2) What has become of the *Philatelic Free Lance?*

VERY little is heard now of the proposed Ontario Philatelic Association. I don't think it would work, anyway.

LITERARY NOTES.

WE hate to say it, but *Stamp Lore* for January came to hand late in March. It is "Canada's up-to-date stamp paper," too, according to its cover.

IT is a big snap for the public to get the *Columbian Philatelist* for fifteen cents per year. Consisting of some twenty four pages monthly, it certainly licks most papers at a quarter of a piastre per annum Its editorial policy, however, resembles the rear part of a mule in full action,—but we've said something disagreeable, and we really had not intended to do so

IT's really strange, but one can get the *Columbian Philatelist*, the *Omaha Philatelist*, and a few others, for ten and fifteen cents per year, and get from twelve to twenty pages of reading matter; but if you want the *International Philatelist*, or *Stamp Lore*, or the *C. P. M.*, you must pay twenty-five cents, and you get but four to six pages of reading matter. In many cases it appears to us that the amount of reading matter in a paper is in inverse ratio to the supscription price. Odd, is it not?

A NEW exchange greeted us this month — the *American Stamp*, of Laconia, N. H. It is a good, readable paper right through, and we commend it to our readers. The number before us is 9 by 12 inches, eight pages, green paper We hope to see it often.

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A VERY FAVORABLE SHOWING.

We are in receipt of some figures of membership from Secretary A. H. Adams of the Dominion Philatelic Association, from which can be seen that the Association's affairs are in a better position than is generally supposed. The gross membership is somewhat over two hundred, from which must be taken those who have resigned, and those who have been dropped at various intervals, also a few who have been expelled. The membership, as reported by Secretary Adams, is as follows:

Membership paid up to January, 1897..150
Membership paid up to January, 1898..101

There are also several members (among them some officers) who have not yet paid up for 1897, but who undoubtedly will do so shortly. All members not paid up at least to January 1897,have been dropped, so the Association may now be said to be carrying no deadwood. We are disposed to regard this as a very favorable showing, and the thanks of the Association are due Mr. Adams, for his untiring industry in our behalf. The idea suggests itself now, why not re-number the members?

The Grand Bust Up!

The G H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., of St. Louis, again in the soup.

The topic of the month is the grand smash of the Mekeels. It was not entirely unexpected, and consequently, though a matter of lively discussion, was not the cause of such surprise as their first embarrassment a few years ago. The cause of the failure is put down to "hard times," and unprecedented slackness in the stamp trade The firm also was not in the best repute, and this no doubt had its share in bringing down from its proud eminence the house of Mekeel. It appears, however, that C. H. Mekeel made rather a good thing out of it all along, taking some $6000 per annum, while G. D. and I. A. managed to crawl along with just $3,000. It will thus be seen that although the firm was poverty stricken, its head men were not There is no doubt but what the assets more than balance the liabilities, but stamp assets are peculiar things, and not always convertible into cash at their real value, at the moment. Whether the gallant C. H. Mekeel will ever re-embak in the stamp business again, is a moot point; perhaps the failure has been profitable to him in a pecuniary sense, such things sometimes are.

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10c green	8
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30c orange	40
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